

#### Testimony for Connecticut Senate Joint Resolution #4

With the exception of China making islands, there will not be “more” land on planet earth.

There will NOT be another chance to have a Plum Island with a natural habitat that occupies 80% of the Island.

Plum Island is a very important area for migratory birds and is known nationally and internationally.

The waters around Plum Island support many aquatic species, including those valuable to the food chain of Long Island Sound and our local fishers.

Plum Island should not be sold to the highest bidder and make it available to only the rich and famous.

Please sign Senate Joint Resolution #4 (LCO No. 1034) to enable The State of Connecticut to have the Congress of the United States protect the public's interest in assuring Plum Island's and Sound's economic, environmental, historic and cultural value through the permanent preservation of their habitats and wildlife by repealing those provisions of Public Law 110-329 and Public Law 112-74 that require the sale of Plum Island and by designating Plum Island as a National Wildlife Refuge.

Sincerely,

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